



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-372-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al.)

Serial No.: 09/724,860)

Filed: November 28, 2000)

For: Interferon-Like Molecules)
and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: J. Andres

Group Art Unit: 1646

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed September 24, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$950.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: March 24, 2004

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